

June 7, 2005
Work Session- Budget

Minutes

Members present

D.C. Swaim- Chairman
Brady Wooten- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
Allen Sneed- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board

Chairman Swaim called the meeting back to order.

Budget-2005/2006

Mr. Wood reviewed the budget for the 2005/2006 fiscal year. He discussed restricted revenues for: Social Services, Health Department, fees/fines through the courts and Register of Deeds. Mr. Wood commented that 45% of the county's revenues come from the tax base. The sales tax rate of 7% is broken down with 2 ½ cents to the county and 4 ½ cents to the state. Mr. Wood explained the general fund and capital project ordinances. The county's year is from July 1- June 30 and any funds not spent rolls back into the general fund. The State requires the county to keep an 8% fund balance which is funds unspent and unbudgeted. Mr. Wood stated department's expense lines may change through out the year with the moving of funds from one line item to another as long as the original budget is not exceeded. Department Heads cannot change salaries unless approved by the Board.

Mr. Wood discussed the enterprise funds: Solid Waste, E-911 and Sewer Fund. These funds are self sufficient.

Mr. Wood reviewed the salary sheets.

Commissioner Wooten inquired about capital projects and capital reserve.

Mr. Wood reviewed the capital reserve fund.

The Board discussed the Grady Draughn property.

Mr. Wood reviewed with the Board needs the county will have to address; water/sewer, schools, EMS Station, a new jail, courthouse issues, growth in DSS and Health Department and a new administrative office.

The Board discussed vehicle purchases.

Commissioner Phillips inquired about the 6% percent cuts for the departments.

Mr. Wood stated he reviewed the budgets with the department heads adjusting the budgets after their discussions. He has cut an additional 6% from the budgets asking the department heads to take the percentage from their operational expenses.

Recessed

The Board recessed the meeting until June 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board